

Abstract (amended)

An implantable drug delivery system is disclosed. The system comprises a storage area for storing a drug, a meter for metering a predetermined, effective amount of the drug, a delivery means for delivering the effective amount of the drug to a patient to treat a disorder, the metering means comprising:

a catheter having a plurality of drug delivery ports that are moveable between open and closed positions, and

a drug delivery path preservation means that resists fibrous occlusion of the drug delivery ports, the drug delivery preservation means comprising a substance for resisting the fibrous occlusion proximate the drug delivery ports.